

**REMARKS**

Favorable consideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 2 and 21-23 are pending in the present application. Claims 1 and 3-20 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and Claims 2, 21 and 23 are amended to place the claims in more proper format under United States practice.

This application is a divisional application of parent application Serial No. 09/742,423, filed on December 22, 2000.

In the parent of the present application, the paragraph at page 2, line 23 to, page 3, line 14, and the paragraph at page 3, line 15 to, page 4, line 17 of the specification were amended to correct minor informalities.

By the present Preliminary Amendment, the specification is written to include those corrections of minor informalities in the parent of the present application, and to enter the section under CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS to clarify the status of the present application, and the abstract is amended to place the abstract in more proper format under United States practice.

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Preliminary Amendment

Accordingly, an action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

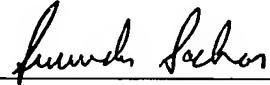
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